



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 5, 2018

Re: Authorizing the Acquisition of Necessary Easements for the Proposed Construction of the Oakland Gravel Road Sidewalk Project between Blue Ridge Road and Edris Drive

Executive Summary

Authorizing the acquisition of necessary easements for the proposed construction of a 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk located along the back of curb on the west side of Oakland Gravel Road between Blue Ridge Road and Edris Drive. An Interested Parties (IP) meeting was held on June 14, 2017, and a public hearing was held on September 5, 2017.

Discussion

The City of Columbia is proposing to complete a sidewalk project to fill in a sidewalk gap where there is currently no sidewalk along the west side of Oakland Gravel Road between Blue Ridge Road and Edris Drive. The location map is attached as Exhibit A.

After the September 5, 2017 public hearing, Council directed staff to proceed with final plans and specifications for the sidewalk improvements which include approximately 680 linear feet of 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk along the back of the curb. In order to reduce impact on trees and yards a short retaining wall will be constructed along some of the properties at the back of the sidewalk. Portions of several residential driveways will be reconstructed and one fence will be removed and relocated with this design.

Two Permanent Sidewalk Easements (PSE) and six Temporary Construction Easements (TCE's) from six property owners will be necessary for construction of the project. A copy of the project plans showing the proposed easements is attached as Exhibit B.

The estimated easement acquisition cost for the proposed sidewalk project is \$10,000, and will be funded by the 0.25% Capital Improvement Sales Tax. Construction is planned for fall of 2018.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The estimated easement acquisition cost for the project is \$10,000. The total project is estimated to cost \$143,800 and will be paid from the 0.25% Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: Routine sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the adjacent landowners.



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
09/05/2017	PH33-17 Public Hearing held
08/07/2017	R105-17 Setting a public hearing for proposed construction of a six-foot wide sidewalk along the west side of Oakland Gravel Road between Blue Ridge Road and Edris Drive
06/14/2017	Interested Parties meeting

Suggested Council Action

Authorize the acquisition of necessary easements for the construction of the Oakland Gravel Road Sidewalk project between Blue Ridge Road and Edris Drive.